

What is claimed is:

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1. A data provision device for providing a user with data, comprising:

5 data provision request reception means for receiving a data provision request from the user;

user identifying information acquisition means for acquiring user identifying information identifying the user;

10 table storage means for storing a table in which the user identifying information and data identifying information identifying a data item for which a transaction process is completed are associated with each other;

15 data identifying information reading means for reading out from said table the data identifying information associated with the user identifying information acquired by said user identifying information acquisition means;

20 determination means for determining whether or not said data provision request is made for the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the data identifying information read out by said data identifying information reading means;

25 data transmission means for performing the transaction process for data provision and returning a data item in accordance with said data provision request when said determination means determines that said data provision request is not made for the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the data identifying information read out by said data identifying information reading means; and

data retransmission means for restricting said transaction process for data provision and returning the data item in accordance with said data provision request when said determination means determines that said data provision request is made for the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the data identifying information read out by said data identifying information reading means.

2. The data provision device according to claim 1, further comprising:

list generation means for reading out from said table the data identifying information associated with the user identifying information acquired from said user identifying information acquisition means, and generating a list including a name of the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the readout data identifying information; and

list transmission means for transmitting the list generated by said list generation means to the user identified by the user identifying information acquired by said user identifying information acquisition means.

3. The data provision device according to claim 1, wherein said transaction process is a charging process.

4. The data provision device according to claim 1, wherein said data transmission means additionally stores in said table the data identifying information identifying the data item in accordance with said data provision request in association with

the user identifying information acquired by said user identifying information acquisition means when said transaction process is completed.

5           5. A data provision method for providing a user with data, said method comprising:

          receiving a data provision request from the user;

          acquiring user identifying information identifying the user;

10           reading out data identifying information associated with the acquired user identifying information from a table in which the user identifying information and the data identifying information identifying a data item for which a transaction process is completed are associated with each other;

15           determining whether or not said data provision request is made for the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the readout data identifying information;

20           restricting said transaction process for data provision when said data provision request is determined as being made for the data item for which the transaction process is completed and which is identified by the data identifying information read out from said table.